Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is home of Michael (Mike) J. Geraets, and we are richer because Mike lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mike was born on May 11, 1947, at Chester, South Dakota, to Louis and Mary Geraets, was raised on a farm Northwest of Dell Rapids, South Dakota, graduated from St. Mary's High School and attended South Dakota State University; and,

Whereas, Mike married Kathleen Griese on January 25, 1969, and to this union they were blessed with 9 children and 26 grandchildren, resided on a farm Northwest of Dell Rapids until moving to Dell Rapids in 1998; and,

Whereas, Mike will observe his 70th birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 11, 2017, as

MIKE GERAETS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him a happy 70th birthday.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State